

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 16 to 18 and 19 to 20 without prejudice:

- 1 1. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly, comprising
2 at least a pair of vertical posts aligned in respect to a floor of a row of cow stalls;
3 first and second angle brackets each including a side plate mounted onto a respective one
4 of said posts, and an apertured back plate;
5 a plurality of support stanchions each including a vertical rail, an upper receiver affixed at
6 an upper part of the vertical rail, and a lower receiver affixed at a lower part of the vertical rail;
7 a first one of said support stanchions being mounted onto the back plate of said first angle
8 bracket and a second one of said support stanchions being mounted onto the back plate of said
9 second angle bracket;
10 a horizontal beam affixed onto the back plates of said angle brackets and extending
11 transversely between said posts; and
12 at least first and second stall dividers each having an upper horizontal rail and a lower
13 horizontal rail, with ends of the upper and lower rails being mounted in the receivers of said first
14 and second support stanchions, respectively.
- 1 2. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein each of
2 said first and second stanchions is mounted by a pair of round U-bolts passing over its vertical
3 rail and through apertures in said back plate.
- 1 3. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said
2 beam is supported on the back plates of said angle brackets by a pair of U-bolts passing through
3 apertures therein.
- 1 4. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said

beam is supported at substantially 36 to 39 inches above said floor.

5. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 4 wherein an unobstructed space is provided between said beam and said floor.

6. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein at least one additional one of said stanchions is supported on said beam at a position between said posts, and at least one additional divider has ends of its upper and lower rails mounted in the upper and lower receivers of the additional stanchion.

7. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said additional stanchion is mounted by means of a pair of U-bolts passing over said horizontal beam and into clamp means positioned on the vertical rail of said additional stanchion.

8. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 7 wherein said clamp means comprises an omega clamp positioned on said vertical rail and receiving threaded ends of said U-bolts.

9. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said additional stanchion is mounted by means of a pair of U-bolts passing over the vertical rail of said additional stanchion and into clamp means positioned on said horizontal beam.

10. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 9 wherein said clamp means comprises an omega clamp positioned on said horizontal beam and receiving threaded ends of said U-bolts.

11. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein the

2 receivers on each said stanchion include channel members into which the ends of the respective
3 upper and lower rail end are received.

1 12. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein the
2 receivers of said stanchions are double-ended and are adapted to receive rail ends of a pair of
3 dividers that project in opposite directions with respect to said beam.

1 13. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein the side
2 plate and the back plate of each said angle bracket are joined at a right angle.

1 14. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 further
2 comprising a neck rail traversing the upper rails of said dividers and affixed onto each of the
3 upper rails at positions spaced from the associated stanchions.

1 15. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 further
2 comprising a brisket rail traversing the lower rails of said dividers at a position below the lower
3 rails and spaced from the associated stanchion.

16. to 20. (Canceled)